

**MINUTES  
NOME CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 26, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Nome City Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Denise Michels in the City Council Chambers of Nome City Hall located at 102 Division St.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Stan Andersen, Jerald Brown, Neal Foster, Mary Knodel, Jon Larson, Randy Pomeranz

Members Absent:

Also Present: City Manager, Josie Bahnke; City Clerk, Sandy Babcock

In the audience: Paul Korchin, KNOM, Laurie McNicholas, Bill Angus, Public Works Superintendent; Bridie Trainor, Jon Wehde, Jenny Martens, Jacob Carl, Charlie Lean, Lance Johnson Abby Huggins, Robin Johnson, Carlene Karp

**INVOCATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by C. Brown and seconded by C. Knodel to approve the minutes.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Brown, Foster, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen

Nays:

Abstain:

The motion CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Michels reported that the various communications were available in their packets, online and at the Clerk's office and asked if there were any questions.

C. Brown pointed out the letter from the State of Alaska, Department of Health & Social Services, about the Senior Benefits Program. The letter states that elders age 65 and older can receive a monthly stipend from \$125 - \$250 depending on their income. He encourages anyone who feels they are eligible to apply for it. Information is available at City Hall, the XYZ Center, or online at the Division of Public Assistance.

C. Andersen stated that there was a request from the Food Bank for \$10,000 and he asked if it would be included in the budget. C. Knodel stated it was in the budget already.

C. Andersen asked about the request from Nome Emergency Shelter Team (N.E.S.T.) in the amount of \$10,000. Mayor Michels stated that it was mentioned at the budget work session, earlier today, that the Council would like to request more information concerning other organizations that might be donating or supporting N.E.S.T.

**OATH OF OFFICE – PATRICK D. OCTUCK, City of Nome Police Officer, by City Clerk.**

**CITIZENS REQUESTS AND GRIEVANCES**

**Rick Luthi**, Superintendent of Nome Public Schools, commented on two items. He handed out a financial analysis of the cost of the JROTC program which the Council requested earlier. Second, he introduced Mr. Steve Cropsey who will be the Project Manager for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Apartment Complex Remodel and the Building D & E roof replacement project. Mr. Luthi stated that Steve has a wealth of experience working for the North Slope Borough School District and in Dillingham. Mr. Cropsey expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and to work with the Council in making this facility water-proof. He stated that he just finished a re-roof project in Dillingham last summer and he added that it didn't leak, so they should be good to go.

C. Andersen reported that the Skate Park received a check for \$275 that was presented to him from Carlene Karp who is seated in the audience. He stated that the funds were raised at a Christmas party last year and he asked if she wanted to comment.

**Carlene Karp** explained that the Christmas party was held in Eugene, Oregon at the complex where she lives and they invited people who had lived in Nome that now live in Oregon. She said she was expecting about 30 or 40 people and they ended up with 65 people from Seattle on down through Oregon. She mentioned that Doug and Claudia Doyle were involved also. They charged \$8.00 per person and pitched in more when they found out the proceeds were going to the Nome Skate Park. It turned out to be a good fundraiser.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. R-09-05-03 A Resolution Setting the City of Nome Contribution for the FY 2010 Nome School District Budget

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R-09-05-03.

A motion was made by C. Foster and seconded by C. Andersen to approve Resolution R-09-05-03.

Discussion

C. Knodel stated that they need to amend the resolution to fill in the blanks for the contribution amounts.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Brown to amend R-09-05-03 by funding the additional City of Nome FY 2010 contribution to the Nome District Budget at the requested amount of \$724,674.00 for a total contribution of \$1,680,374.00.

At the roll call on the amendment:

Ayes: Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown, Foster, Knodel, Larson  
Nays:

The motion CARRIED

A motion was made by C. Foster and seconded by C. Andersen to approve Resolution R-09-05-03.

At the roll call on the main motion:

Ayes: Foster, Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

C. Knodel stated that the School District deserves a big thank you for getting their act together and doing their due diligence in bringing them something they could work with. She really appreciates that.

**B. R-09-05-04 A Resolution of Appreciation to Chief Charles Lean for his Years of Dedicated Service to the Nome Volunteer Ambulance Department and to the Community of Nome**

Hearing no objection Mayor Michels asked the Clerk to read R-09-05-04.

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Pomeranz to approve Resolution R-09-05-04.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Knodel, Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown, Foster

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

Mayor Michels read the resolution aloud to the Charlie Lean and to the audience. She presented a weekend for two to Anchorage, airfare/hotel and theater package as a gift from the City of Nome.

Mr. Lean corrected that he first arrived in Nome in 1954, not 1959. He recalled that when he moved back to Nome and had called his Dad to say what he was up to his Dad said, "Well, I guess that's a good idea because Nome's the friendliest town I ever lived in." Charlie stated that he thinks so too.

**UTILITY MANAGER REPORT**

Utility Manager Handeland was not here.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Bahnke provided written reports in the packet and commented on the following:

- Met with Lee Haugen, NWC Director, to discuss the status of the Consortium Library. Ms. Haugen reported that the project is in the University's FY 2011 budget for \$11 million for construction and they anticipate driving the piles in during 2010.
- The City of Nome was presented a \$100,000 check by Nome Eskimo Community for road maintenance activities for the year. She also received a draft MOA to expand the scope of our agreement to include construction projects and is working on finalizing that for Council approval.
- Jerry Steiger will be acting Chief of the Fire Department until next Sunday; Chief Johnson is out of town.

- Found out today that NJUS received a Community Development Block Grant “CDBG” award in the amount of \$560,000 for the design of their heavy equipment garage and office buildings.
- Matt Desalernos, with DOT, will be in Nome June 3<sup>rd</sup> and is starting the initial work on the new State Office Building and wanted to meet with the City to see what we would like to see from the project. He is starting to coordinate space design.
- Tomorrow – joint meeting with the Kawerak Executive Committee at the Kawerak Board Room at noon.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative Fairclough will be here at 10:00am with the Bering Sea Women’s Group with leaders from DC.
- Nome Emergency Shelter Team (N.E.S.T) has a meeting Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to noon to discuss long range planning for the emergency shelter.

C. Knodel asked if they had heard anything from City Attorney Brooks concerning draft ordinances for tobacco tax and the animal control changes. She requested a future work session.

**COUNCILMEN COMMENTS**

- C. Brown had no comments.
- C. Foster had no comments.
- C. Knodel had no comments.
- C. Larson had no comments.
- C. Pomeranz had no comments.
- C. Andersen had no comments

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

Mayor Michels recommended appointment of Jim Adams to the Port Commission for a 2-year term.

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Foster to approve the appointment of Jim Adams to the Nome Port Commission,

At the roll call:

Ayes: Larson, Pomeranz, Andersen, Brown, Foster, Knodel

Nays:

The motion CARRIED

Mayor Michels stated that Admiral Brooks will be coming to town and there will be a meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am in the Council Chambers to give an update on the activities of the Coast Guard.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ~Legal Issue –MOA with Nome Eskimo Community
- ~Personnel Matter – Chief of Police Search

A motion was made by C. Knodel and seconded by C. Foster to enter into executive session. The Council recessed from regular meeting at 7:51 P.M.

The Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:19 P.M

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by C. Andersen and seconded by C. Knodel that the meeting be adjourned.

Hearing no objections the Nome City Council adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

**SIGNED AND DATED** the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.



**STAN ANDERSEN, Presiding Councilman**

**ATTEST:**



**SANDY STURGIS-BABCOCK, City Clerk/Treasurer**